

SENATE BILL 1987

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65,
Chapter 25, relative to cooperatives providing
video or broadband.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-25-134(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) A cooperative that elects to provide services authorized by subdivision (a)(2) shall provide, in the case of new construction or property development where utilities are to be placed underground, written notice to all other providers of cable, video, or broadband services that serve customers in the applicable area at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the construction or development. The notice must contain the particular dates on which open trenching will be available for the other providers to supply and install conduit, pedestals or vaults, and laterals at the other provider's expense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to construction or development beginning on or after that date.